

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Sterilization method for at high speed and surely sterilizing the container, such as a beverage bottle is offered.

An apparatus comprises the step of supplying a disinfectant mist into a container 1, the step of heating the container 1 into which the mist has been supplied, the step of while discharging the mist from the container 1, and the step of rinsing an inside of the container 1 after discharge of the mist therefrom. The apparatus may comprise a further step of preheating the container 1 in advance of supply of the mist. The step of preheating the container, a lip portion 1a of the container may be heated separately.

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